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TO: School District Superintendents

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DATE: September 10, 2010

SUBJECT: Mathematics Content Committee Meetings

INFORMATION TO SHARE

Recently, the Wyoming State Board of Education voted to adopt the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) to be included in the next revision of the Wyoming Content and Performance Standards in Mathematics. As indicated in the motion, the CCSS will be included, in their entirety, in the Wyoming Content and Performance Standards, but additional benchmarks may be added. The Mathematics Standards Revision Committee has scheduled a meeting to discuss the possibility of additional standards to be added to the CCSS in mathematics for the following time and place:

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, September 18, 2010, in the Natrona County School District Boardroom, 970 North Glenn Road, Casper, WY

All standards review meetings are open for public attendance. Participation in the committee work is limited to committee members. Public input on the draft revisions of the standards will be collected electronically once the draft documents are released this fall.

Wyoming statute § 21-2-304 (c) requires that "... not less than once every five (5) years, the board shall evaluate and review the uniformity and quality of the ... student content and performance standards." The standards are used by schools to define what students should know and be able to do in each of the nine content areas: career/vocational education, fine and performing arts, foreign language, health, language arts, mathematics, physical education, science, and social studies. For each content area a working committee composed of school district staff, parents, business leaders, civic leaders and University of Wyoming and Wyoming Community College representatives will evaluate and review the standards. Upon completion of the review process, these committees will develop recommendations for the State Board of Education to consider.

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